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● Highlights ●

● Policies ●

Vietnam Must Reform Planning of TVET Network

Many provinces, such as Dong Nai, Binh Duong, Long An, and Quang Nam, have to and have already streamlined their TVET networks. Expert Tran Duc Canh said that higher education and TVET are overlapping each other and suggested that colleges should be managed by higher education, not TVET. ([GDTD](#) Jun 5)

Schools in Vietnam Disagree with Draft List of Subjects for Vocational Learners

Vietnam's Ministry of Education and Training (MoET) has announced the draft circular on high school subjects for TVET learners, however, many TVET schools disagree with the draft list. TVET schools said that the contents of some subjects did not match those of continuation education, hence missing learners' targets of gaining both TVET certificates and high school certificates simultaneously. Besides, some TVET schools with strong facilities said that they would like to teach subjects of continuation education and high schools, in order to ease the management and fulfill the demand of learners and parents. ([VTV](#), [VTV](#) Jun 3)

MoLISA Proposes Package of \$1.2B to Help Labourers Affected by COVID-19

The MoLISA has submitted to the government a proposal of a relief package, worth VND27.6 trillion (\$1.2 billion), to help labourers and firms affected by COVID-19 pandemic. The MoLISA proposed seven methods of (i) reducing payments to occupational disease and accident fund, (ii) halting payments to retirement and death pension fund, (iii) providing training for labourers, (iv) providing money to labourers with halted contracts, (v) providing cash to household businesses with disrupted activities, (vi) paying quarantine, treatment, and meal fees to kids during quarantine/treatment time, and (vii) giving emergency support of VND500 billion each to Bac Giang and Bac Ninh provinces. Besides, the MoLISA proposed the National Assembly Standing Committee support about 220,000 workers, whose labour contract had to be terminated, with VND2.45 trillion (VND3.71 million per one worker). Another suggestion is preferential loans of VND5 trillion for 450,000 workers, who had to stop working due to anti-COVID-19 rules. According to the General Statistics Office of Vietnam, the COVID-19 pandemic in the first quarter of 2021 caused 540,000 people to lose their jobs, 3.1 million to have their working hours cut, and 6.5 million to have their salaries reduced. ([Lao Dong](#), [Bao Phap Luat](#), [SGGP](#), [SGGPnews](#) Jun 7)

MoLISA Aims to Boost Firms' Role in TVET

The MoLISA aims to update the legal framework to boost businesses' cooperation with TVET schools in training learners, DVET General Director Truong Anh Dung. Mr. Dung made the



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statement at a conference on development strategy of TVET in 2021-2030, with a vision to 2045. He added that European nations have applied training at schools and businesses simultaneously and the DVET seeks to learn from this model. At the conference, representatives of businesses said that they are not willing to train TVET learners because they have to maximize the production chain. They added that they are willing to train interns. ([Bao Dan Sinh](#) Jun 4)

MoLISA Drafting Easier Rules on Insurance Payment

The MoLISA suggested easier rules of temporarily halting payment for death and retirement pension funds, in order to help firms amid COVID-19 pandemic. Currently, such payment suspension is for firms with 20% reduction in workforce with social insurance coverage. However, 44% of 12,000 surveyed firms said that such policy is hard to access. The MoLISA suggested new figure of 10% reduction only. The Vietnam Social Security (VSS), the operator of the fund, suggested that payment suspension should be for firms in sectors of transport, accommodation, restaurants, tourism, education, culture, sports, and firms inside locked down or quarantined areas. Such changes are expected to help 39,000 firms and 1.15 million labourers with VND8.45 trillion. ([Bao Chinh Phu](#), [VnExpress](#) May 31)

● Business Sector and Labour Market ●

Foreign Cooperation

Vietnam Urges Japan to Reopen Door to 30K Trainees Soon

Vietnam wishes Japan to speed up the reception of 30,000 Vietnamese trainees who are awaiting approval to enter Japan, said Minister Dao Ngoc Dung, at a meeting with Japanese Ambassador to Vietnam Yamada Takio on June 2. Minister Dung recommended the Japanese side facilitate Vietnamese workers in Japan amid COVID-19, adding that the two countries need to work closely together to remove hurdles related to labour and human resource training. Mr. Dung informed the diplomat of Vietnam about to enact a law on foreign labourers working in Vietnam and called for the quickening of the Specified Skilled Worker program under cooperation with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). Ambassador Yamada Takio, in reply, informed that Japan plans to receive Vietnamese workers in nursing and information technology sectors under the Specified Skilled Worker program. He also asked for Vietnam's support in licensing Japanese experts to arrive in Vietnam, adding that Japan is committed to helping the Southeast Asian country with COVID-19 fight in industrial parks. In 2020, Vietnam sent 39,000 labourers to Japan, completing 47% of the target. ([Bao Dan Sinh](#), [molisa](#) Jun 2)

S. Korean Firms in Vietnam Willing to Pay Labourers to Receive COVID-19 Vaccine

South Korean enterprises in Vietnam stay ready to pay their employees to get vaccinated against COVID-19, Vice President of the Korea Chamber of Business in Vietnam (KORCHAM) Hong Sun said. As some northern provinces specializing in production and export are being hit hard by the fourth COVID-19 wave, Vietnam should prioritize vaccination of workers involved in



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manufacturing sector, Mr. Hong Sun suggested. ([Zing Jun 4](#))

Vietnam to Send 56 Labourers to Work in South Korea on Jun 7-9

Vietnam will send 56 labourers in fields of production-manufacturing and fisheries to South Korea on June 7-9, according to the CoLAB, under the MoLISA. ([Nguoi Lao Dong Jun 8](#))

Domestic News

Vietnam Vocational Schools Recruit 29,369 Learners in Jan-May

Vietnam's TVET sector, including intermediate schools and colleges, had recruited 29,369 learners in the first five months of this year, up 20% y/y and fulfilling 5% of the plan for 2021, reported the DVET, under the MoLISA. Regarding beginner-level courses and other courses, Vietnam recruited 200,000 learners, or 16.9% of the plan for 2021, and down 34.8% y/y. It is expected that the sector would recruit 635,000 learners in the first half of 2021, or 26.7% of the annual plan. Regarding adaptation to COVID-19, the sector aims to retrain labourers in heavily-affected sectors, including footwear, apparel, manufacturing, processing. The DVET also asked schools to enhance learning and teaching amid COVID-19 pandemic. ([DVET, Bao Dan Sinh, Dan Tri Jun 4](#))

Vietnam's IT Labour Market Employs 117K Jobs in 2021, up 36.5% y/y: TopDev

The IT labour market in Vietnam is estimated to have 117,180 jobs this year, up 36.5% y/y, according to the newly-released report of TopDev. Accordingly, only 11.3% of programmers are actively looking for new jobs and 15.9% of others plan to find ones in the next six or 12 months, while the remaining 72.8% have no plans to seek a new job. Of which, up to 35.7% of polled developers answered that they would stay with their current company for another year. The report also showed that the top three earning industries for IT engineers are security, high technology, and finance technology (fintech). Specifically, as of the second quarter (Q2) of this year, artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning engineers are the positions with the highest average monthly salary among IT engineers at \$3,054. Meanwhile, the average monthly salary for a Big Data engineer is \$1,695, a Backend engineer is \$1,300, a game programmer is \$1,215, and an IT Helpdesk (handling computer-related problems) is \$322. The demand for Cloud and DevOps engineers has increased significantly, leading to an increase in salaries for these two positions with the average monthly salary for a cloud architect is currently \$3,121 while a DevOps engineer is at \$2,057 per month, Topdev noted. In response to the question relating to the industries that will grow in 2021, the responders said that the AI & Cloud engineering industry will top the chart and will be followed by Fintech/ Payment and E-commerce/Retail. ([CafeF Jun 8](#))

Vietnam Has 1.01M Labourers in ICT in 2019: Ministry

Vietnam's information-communications-technology (ICT) industry had 1.01 million labourers in 2019, up from 721,584 in 2015, according to the Ministry of Information and Communications



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(MIC)'s newly-released White Paper 2020. In 2019, the sector included 760,097 labourers in hardware and electronics industry, 143,149 labourers in software industry, 42,479 labourers in digital content industry, and 59,481 others in ICT services (excluding retail-wholesale and distribution). The number of workers in four ICT clusters was 42,700. The average monthly income per head of those four sub-sectors were between VND5.34 million and VND9.64 million (\$229-\$415). In 2019, 158 out of 240 universities in Vietnam had ICT courses. The recruitment was 68,435. The annual number of new graduates was 50,000 on average. ([MIC](#) Jun)

Household Businesses Contribute 30% to Vietnam's GDP

Household businesses are estimated to contribute 30% to Vietnam's gross domestic product (GDP) and generate jobs for unskilled labourers, playing a part in ensuring social security. The Vietnam General Confederation of Labour said that in 2020 the unemployment rate was lowered below 3%. With 70% of a labour force, or above 54 million being free labourers, the household businesses play a significant role in job generation. ([Enternews](#) Jun 2)

Elder People Contribute VND3T to Vietnam's Economy in 2016-2021

Vietnam currently has about 11.4 million elder people, or 12% of the population, and the force contributed 10.6 million working days, VND3 trillion, 24.4 million square meters of land for community purposes in 2016-2021. VietnamNet added that elder people want to work because they want to avoid consequences of sudden changes in daily lives and because they are capable of contributing to the society. Notably, 99,905 elder people are heads of businesses and 357,967 elder people have received recognitions for outstanding economic results. Besides, about 656,000 elder people participate in social activities and 300,150 others join in security and anti-crime activities. ([VietnamNet](#) Jun)

Vietnam among 10 Wind Power Markets with Largest Manpower Training Needs

Vietnam is one of the ten markets with the largest demand for human resource training for the wind power industry in the next five years, along with Brazil, China, Japan, India, Mexico, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, and the U.S., according to a report on the global wind power workforce in 2021-2025. The report was released by the Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC) and the Global Wind Organization (GWO) on June 1. ([Tai Nguyen Moi Truong](#) Jun 1)

22 Localities of Vietnam Complete High School Entrance Exams as of Jun 8

As many as 22 out of 63 localities in Vietnam have completed the high school entrance exams as of June 8, while 41 others remained or adjusted the exam timetables amid the development of the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, 22 localities fulfilled the exams from May 29 to June 7, while 31 others have kept the exam schedules, which will be held from June 8 to August 4. Meanwhile, seven localities, namely provinces of Bac Giang, Bac Ninh, Bac Lieu, Dien Bien, Hai Duong, Hung Yen, and Ho Chi Minh City postponed the exam due to the COVID-19 and have not revealed the additional plans yet. The remaining three provinces of Ca Mau, Son La,



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and Ba Ria-Vung Tau stopped holding the exams and switched to consider the study results in secondary schools to enrol students. For the national high school graduation exam this year, the Vietnamese Ministry of Education and Training (MoET) will hold the exam as planned on July 7-8, and may organize the second phase for candidates in quarantine zones or students who are medically quarantining due to the COVID-19 pandemic, said Deputy Minister of Education and Training Hoang Minh Son. ([Bao Dan Sinh](#) Jun 7)

IZs in Vietnam Employ 3.78M Labourers as of End-May: MPI

Industrial zones across Vietnam employed around 3.78 million labourers as of the end of May, according to a report by the Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI). ([Dan Sinh](#) Jun 3)

Southern IPs, EPZs to Ensure Safe Operation

Industrial parks (IPs) and Export Processing Zones (EPZs) in southern region are ensuring anti-COVID-19 rules and maintaining operation simultaneously. HCMC currently has 17 IPs and EPZs with 1,500 businesses, 280,000 workers, and 3,000 expats. Binh Duong has 160,000 workers in VSIP IPs. ([Dan Sinh](#) Jun 4)

Cinema Operators in Vietnam Crying for Gov't Help over COVID-19 Crisis

Local and foreign-invested cinema operators in Vietnam, namely Galaxy Studio JSC, BHD, Lotte, and CGV, have requested government relief measures as the sector has been hit hard by closure orders amid COVID-19. Particularly, the cinema businesses requested the reopening of theatres in line with anti-COVID-19 regulations so as to prevent over 10,000 labourers in the industry from unemployment. ([Tuoi Tre](#) Jun 2)

Hanoi Generates Jobs for 79K Labourers in Jan-May, up 35.6% y/y

Hanoi created jobs for 78,629 labourers in the first five months of this year, up 35.6% y/y, accomplishing 49.1% of the year target, according to the municipal DoLISA. During the period, as many as 21,755 labourers in Hanoi filed for unemployment benefits with the total spending of VND600 billion (\$25.86 million), the department said, adding that 993 jobless persons were supported with VND2.9 billion in total for TVET. In the first half in 2021, Hanoi is estimated to generate jobs for 95,000 people, or 59.4% of the year plan, up 18% y/y, in the context of new normalcy. ([VnEconomy](#), [Kinh Te Do Thi](#), [Bao Dan Sinh](#), [Bao Phap Luat](#), [Tin Tuc](#) Jun 7)

Litchi-growing Hub in Bac Giang Lack 5,000 Labourers for Upcoming Harvesting Season

Luc Ngan district, the largest litchi-growing area in northern Bac Giang province, is lacking around 5,000 labourers for the upcoming main-crop harvesting season. Annually, over 20,000 labourers inside and outside the district come to harvest litchis, but the number is only 15,000 this year due to impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. ([VnExpress](#) Jun 7)



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Bac Giang Hotspot Aims to Curb COVID-19 in Next 10-14 Days: Official

Bac Giang province has focused on coping with COVID-19 infections in locked down areas, aiming to curb the pandemic in the next 10-14 days, Secretary Duong Van Thai of the provincial Party Committee said on June 7. So far, Bac Giang authorities have licensed 43 firms with 7,500 labourers to resume operations in line with anti-pandemic measures. ([CAND](#), [Vietnam Plus](#), [PLO](#), [Bao Chinh Phu](#) Jun 7)

5.4K Staff in Bac Giang Back to Work as of Jun 2

More than 5,400 workers from 16 companies in industrial parks (IPs) in northern Bac Giang province returned to work as of June 2, after a fortnight of break due to IP closure. By far, Bac Giang has administered over 66,000 doses of vaccine, mainly for workers, and would have administered 30,000 more doses of vaccine on June 3. ([Tuoi Tre](#), [Tien Phong](#) Jun 3)

Over 110K Labourers in Bac Ninh Back to Work as of Jun 2

As of June 2, more than 500 enterprises with 110,000 workers in northern Bac Ninh province resumed operation, said Mr. Bui Hoang Mai, head of the provincial Industrial Zone Authority (IZA). Of those, there were 50,000 vaccinated labourers of Samsung Vietnam. To return to business, plants must set up on-site sleeping arrangements for workers and put in place other procedures to enable operations to continue while containing the virus. ([VietnamBiz](#), [VTV](#) Jun 3)

Thanh Hoa Creates Jobs for over 30K Labourers since Early 2021

Central Thanh Hoa province has generated jobs for more than 30,000 labourers in the first months of 2021. ([Dan Sinh](#) Jun 7)

Ha Tinh Demands Serious Management of Expats

Ha Tinh People's Committee asked Ha Tinh DoLISA to tighten management of expatriates, especially issuances of work permits. Ha Tinh currently has 1,456 foreign expats. ([Dan Tri](#) Jun 5)

Quang Binh Aims to Provide TVET to 16,000 People in 2021

Central Quang Binh province is targeting to provide TVET to 16,000 people; raise the trained labour rate to 66%; and support short-term training for 5,000 labourers in rural labourers, youngsters, people with disabilities, and labourers at small- and medium-sized enterprises this year. ([Dan Sinh](#) Jun 3)

Quang Binh Aims to Provide 18,000 Jobs in 2021



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Quang Binh province aims to provide jobs to 10,000 labourers and additional jobs to 8,000 labourers in 2021, or 18,000 in total, in 2021, hence reducing unemployment rate to 2.4%. Quang Binh also aims to recruit 10,000 people into TVET, push rate of trained labourers to 65%. In 2020, Quang Binh provided employments to 28,900 and recruited 19,122 people into TVET. ([Dan Sinh](#) Jun 2)

Unemployed Workers in Quang Ngai Uninterested in Joining Free TVET

As many as 7,351 labourers in central Quang Ngai province applied for unemployment indemnification last year, but only three of them registered to join free TVET, according to the provincial job service centre. ([Bao Quang Ngai](#) Jun 6, [Dan Tri](#) Jun 4)

Thua Thien-Hue Aims to Create Jobs for 16,600 Labourers Yearly by End-2025

Central Thua Thien-Hue province targets to create jobs for 16,600 labourers annually and raise the trained labour rate to 70%-75% by end-2025. Besides, the province aims to enhance the TVET quality. ([Dan Sinh](#) Jun 1)

Police Arrest Director of Duc Trong TVET School for Violations

The police in Duc Trong district of the Central Highlands province of Lam Dong have detained Mr. Nguyen Thanh Quang, director of Duc Trong TVET-regular training centre for abusing power while on duty. The detain will last four months. ([Thanh Nien](#), [Nguoi Lao Dong](#), [Cong Ly](#) Jun 2)

Gia Lai Detects 94 Illegal Foreign Workers

Gia Lai DoLISA has detected 94 foreign workers without correct paperwork in wind power projects. Gia Lai currently has 409 expats in 37 businesses. ([Dan Tri](#) Jun 6)

HCMC to Support Labourers Hit by COVID-19

Ho Chi Minh City's DoLISA will make a list of labourers who have been unemployed for at least one month due to the COVID-19 pandemic, with an aid of VND1.8 million/person/month. Last year, the city spent VND597 billion on supporting 541,200 people hit by the pandemic. ([Lao Dong](#) Jun 3)

Kien Giang to Spend VND16B on Providing TVET to Labourers in 2021

Southern Kien Giang province will spend VND16 billion on providing TVET to labourers in rural areas, industrial zones, tourism sites, and small- and medium-sized enterprises this year. By 2025, the province aims for the trained labour rate of 75%, including 52.5% achieving certifications. ([MSN](#) Jun 7)



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Ca Mau Provides TVET to 360 People with Disabilities in Recent Years

The southernmost province of Ca Mau has provided TVET to over 360 people with disabilities in recent years, mostly via methods of intermediate-level training and learning-practicing at the same time. ([Dan Sinh](#) Jun 7)